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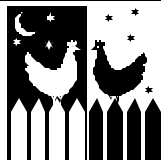
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand into retail was slow to fair with features reported, but had minimal success. Food service was no better than moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to plentiful for heavier weights with discounts reported, and smaller sizes were usually sufficient. Regular commitments satisfied most needs although some orders had been cancelled. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with caution noted and limited interest. Wings were available but increasing, and the remaining items were at least adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 66.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on the 27th of September, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	216.50
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	110.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient with discounted prices being offered. In the parts structure, breast items were fully adequate to ample and difficult to place. Wings were sufficient with mixed interest, and dark meat was in good balance aided by export business. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample. Dark meat cuts more than sufficient, and wings were available.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product were ample on heavy sizes and adequate on lighter weight birds. Buyer's confidence remains cautious. Movement into all channels was spotty, slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in close balance to burdensome with more and more receivers cutting back on regular commitments. Weights were desirable to instances heavy. Trading on parts items was slow overall as supplies continue to build even at discounted price levels. The market tone was steady on wings, tenderloins and leg quarters with remaining items barely steady to weak.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to weak. Offerings ample to burdensome. Heavy weight product remained in the longest position. Sharper discounts offered on excess product with interest in other than regular commitments yet to materialize. Buying interest was fair and cautious. Retail demand fair to fairly good best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was weak on breasts and about steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 09/22/01	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,544	167,926	106
CHICKS PLACED	146,179	140,916	104
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	196,950	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	164,775	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 178 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 22, 2001. This was up 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 22, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 22, 2001 were 5.60 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 22, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 22, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 03-Nov-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.23 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	918	120.00-206.00	140-150	149.75
TENDERLOINS	188	150.00-250.00	150	164.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	79.00-84.00	-	79.74
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	42.00-57.00	43-45	45.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	30.00-33.00	30-32	30.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	32.00-37.00	33-35	33.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	108.00-112.50	108-110	111.43
WINGS (CUT)	632	113.00-128.00	117-122	121.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	923	118.00-206.00	140-145	148.32
TENDERLOINS	220	150.00-250.00	150-155	170.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	75.00-79.00	77-78	78.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	288	42.00-57.00	43-44	44.53
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	29.50-33.00	29-30	30.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	32.00-36.50	33-35	33.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	108.00-112.00	109-110	111.07
WINGS (CUT)	554	116.00-128.00	117-119	119.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 56.50	52.55	48.50 - 54.00	50.80	53.38

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was very light during midweek trading as dealers were very cautious and unwilling to assume anything beyond most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were increasingly available. Movement through retail and distributive channels slow and disappointing. The market tone was weak on breast items, cautiously steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	148.93	560,740
TENDERLOINS	145	148.94	157,659
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	73.75	344,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	66.44	160,200
LEGS	44-45	47.68	260,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.34	664,008
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.77	176,980
THIGHS	37-38	46.55	147,560
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.74	81,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	111.00	450,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	87,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.52	125,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.88	147,620

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	147.51	456,424
TENDERLOINS	145	149.67	83,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.01	260,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	65.53	135,000
LEGS	44-45	48.68	191,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.08	473,538
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.87	152,870
THIGHS	37-38	46.47	115,700
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.76	63,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	111.32	393,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	81,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.61	114,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.94	145,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	09/26	09/25	09/24	09/21	09/24	09/21	09/19	09/17	
ALA	4,017	4,118	3,923	4,077	5.19	4.91	3,980	5.12	
ARK	5,353	5,403	5,249	5,403	5.02	4.79	5,161	5.00	
DELMARVA	2,354	2,299	2,363	2,188	5.03	4.99	2,339	5.06	
KY-LA-TN	2,012	1,999	2,021	2,298	4.60	4.42	2,063	4.57	
MISS	2,830	2,875	2,858	2,975	5.11	5.01	2,834	5.18	
NC	2,550	2,583	2,534	2,934	5.93	5.86	2,577	6.05	
TEXAS	2,414	2,412	2,320	2,505	5.02	4.72	2,409	4.98	
TOTAL	21,530	21,689	21,268	22,380	5.13	4.96	21,363	5.14	
MON-WED	43,219 (A)				42,716(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Sep 01 and is estimated to be 32,211,000 up 0.48 percent from a week ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,057,000; last year 30,288,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	88-90
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	98-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT 29-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/29/01 (1)	09/22/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	163,194 (2)	164,695
LT HENS	1,974	2,002
HVY HENS	1,496	1,426
CHECK TOTAL	166,664	168,123

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Sep-01 is 155.7 million head compared to 157.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.5 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-Oct-01 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 24-Sep-01	206,866	57,660
AM 1-Sep-01	189,756	45,223
CHG	17,110	12,437
PCT CHG	9	28

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/24/01	09/17/01	09/25/00	09/24/01	09/17/01	09/25/00
PACIFIC COAST	27,885	31,369	20,324	3,324	3,216	10,594
LOS ANGELES	3,724	3,680	255	2,003	1,988	3,907

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		52-57
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-63

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 09/25/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.50	.29	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.20	.35	.27	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.10	.40	.24	BANTAMS ea.	.10	3.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	1.00	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.25	1.15	.63	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	-	2.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	.95	.59	DUCKS ea.	2.00	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	.95	.71	RABBITS ea.	7.50	8.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	2.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.50	5.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 102

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 21, 2001

	<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs & Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	50.72	124.42	76.57	19.14	1.91	50.25
High	60.30	133.99	86.14	23.93	2.39	50.25
Mostly	55.03	133.99	86.14	23.93	1.91	50.25

SAN JUAN

Low	52.64	124.42	71.78	23.93	4.31	47.85
High	59.34	129.20	81.35	33.50	7.18	47.85
Mostly	57.42	126.81	76.57	26.32	4.79	47.85

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	50.25	124.42	71.78	19.14	1.44	52.64
High	59.82	133.99	86.14	23.93	1.91	52.64
Mostly	55.03	133.99	86.14	19.14	1.91	52.64

BECERRA

Low	56.47	119.63	67.00	33.50	4.79	45.94
High	58.38	129.20	78.96	35.89	7.18	45.94
Mostly	57.42	124.42	76.57	33.50	5.74	45.94

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited. Seller offerings remained readily available and slow to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy.

Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment continued mostly weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were readily available. Leg quarters and wings were fully adequate to ample for current inquiry. CORRECTION: ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 09/21/2001 WAS 11,525,277 @ 4.96 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA	
	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	50-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.31
NO. OF BOXES	13,076

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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